

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to an isolated DNA which comprises a DNA sequence encoding avermectin aglycon synthase domains that corresponds to multifunctional enzyme proteins involved in the biosynthesis of a polyketide compound, or its mutants having avermectin aglycon synthase activity, particularly functional modules and submodules in the DNA sequence derived from *Streptomyces avermitilis*, a polypeptide or mutants thereof encoded by the DNA or the mutants, a vector containing the DNA or the mutants, a host cell transformed with the DNA, the mutants thereof, or the vector, and a method for producing avermectin.

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